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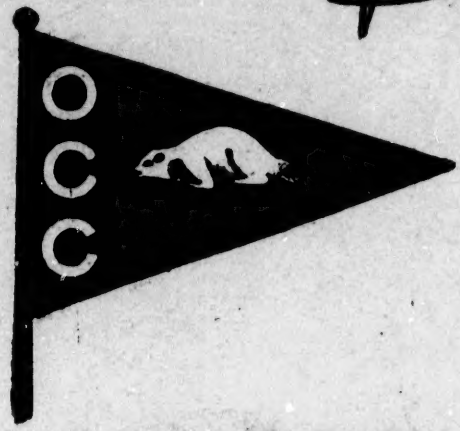

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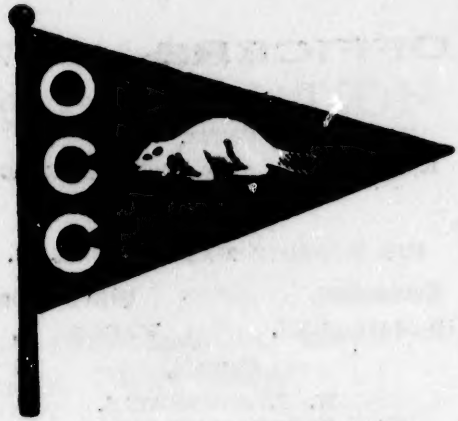

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Patron,

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Vice-Patron,

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BINGHAM.

Commodore.

DAVID MACLAREN.

Vice-Commodore,

WARREN Y. SOPER

Captain.

W. J. JOHNSTONE.

Hon. Secretary.

R. E. WATTS,
Department Agriculture.

Hon. Treasurer,

E. B. HOLT,
105 Creighton St.

Executive Committee,

W. McL. MAINGUY,
A. A. DION,
K. F. CLAYTON,
Asst. Secretary.

J. A. McDOUGAL,
A. H. O'BRIEN,
J. M. HURCOMB,
Asst, Treasurer.

Auditors.

E. A. BLACK, JAMES WILSON.

Racing Committee,

MAJOR BASIL BELL, *Hon. Secy.*
City Post Office.

Paddling,

A. A. PINARD. E. C. WOOLSEY.

Canoe Sailing.

P. T. ALLBUTT, W. McL. MAINGUY.

Swimming and Water Sports.

W. T. LAWLESS, J. W. WOOLSEY,

Official Measurers.

JAMES WILSON, W. T. PATERSON.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Club shall be known as the "OTTAWA CANOE CLUB."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of the Club shall be to unite the amateur Canoeists of Ottawa by means of meetings for business or pleasure; by camping, cruising, paddling, sailing and racing; by keeping logs of voyages, records of waterways and routes, details and drawings of canoes, collections of maps, charts and books, and by the acquirement and maintenance of club houses and camping grounds.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—There shall be four classes of members, viz.: honorary, active, life and junior.

Sec. 2.—Every member on his election shall be held to have notice of and be bound by the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of the Club.

HONORARY.

Sec. 3.—Honorary members may be elected for the then current year by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club without payment of the annual fee.

ACTIVE.

Sec. 4.—Applicants for active membership shall sign an application form and shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Club, and the names of the applicant and his proposer and seconder shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Club House for one week. If no objection be taken during this period, the Sectary may, with the approval of any two members of the Executive Committee, declare such applicant elected.

Sec. 5.—If a member notify any member of the Executive Committee, in writing, of his objection to such applicant, the applicant may then only be elected by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 6.—Prior to the first day of May, members shall be elected by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee in lieu of posting as described in section 4, but the name of every applicant for membership shall also be posted as soon as the Canoeing season opens.

LIFE

Sec. 7.—Any one, upon election, may become a life member upon payment of fifty dollars, or by the transfer to the Club of five shares in "The Ottawa Canoe Club House Company." Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club.

JUNIOR.

Sec. 8.—Boys between the ages of twelve and sixteen may become Junior members upon being elected in the manner provided for active members. Junior members may not vote, hold office, or introduce strangers or visiting members to the Club House.

ARTICLE IV.

VISITING MEMBERS

Sec. 1.—Any member may introduce as a visiting member for a period not exceeding three weeks in any one year, any person resident at a distance of not less than twenty miles from Ottawa, provided his name be approved by one member of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2.—The names of all visiting members shall be entered in the Visitors' Book, with the period for which they are admitted, together with the names of the members by whom introduced and approved.

ARTICLE V.

FEES.

Sec. 1.—The annual fee for an active member shall be three dollars, and for a Junior member, one dollar, and shall be payable on or before the first day of May in each year.

Sec. 2.—The fees of members elected after May first shall be due on election, and no member shall be admitted to the privileges of the Club until his fees are paid.

Sec. 3.—It shall be optional with the Executive Committee to post any defaulter after the 15th day of June, but any member whose annual fee is unpaid by the first day of August shall ipso facto cease to be a member, and the Secretary shall strike his name off the Roll, and notify him to this effect.

Sec. 4.—Any member struck off for non-payment of fees shall still be liable for all arrears, and shall not be reinstated without payment thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

RESIGNATION.

Sec. 1.—Any member desiring to resign must pay all arrears, and must notify the Secretary in writing before the 15th day of June. Every resignation shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and the member shall be notified by the Secretary of the action taken.

Sec. 2.—No resignation shall be accepted after the 15th day of June, except upon payment of all fees and dues for the current year, in addition to all arrears.

ARTICLE VII.

SUSPENSION.

The Executive Committee may suspend from the privileges of the Club, any member whose conduct, in their opinion, merits such a course. Any charge against a member shall be in writing, and the member charged shall be notified forthwith, and shall have an opportunity of being heard in his own defence.

ARTICLE VIII.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—The Officers of the Club shall be a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Captain, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and six Committeemen.

Sec. 2.—The Officers shall be elected by ballot, at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMODORE AND VICE-COMMODORE.

The Commodore and Vice Commodore shall be Honorary Officers.

ARTICLE X.

CAPTAIN.

The Captain shall preside at all general meetings and meetings of the

Racing Committee, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. He shall have general supervision over all matters affecting the interests and management of the Club.

ARTICLE XI.

SECRETARY.

Sec. 1.—The Secretary shall call all general meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee when required, and keep correct minutes of the same; conduct the correspondence; post all notices, by-laws and rules, except those pertaining to the duties of the Treasurer; keep a correct roll of members, and a record of all aquatic matters of interest to the Club, and shall keep and be responsible for all books and records except the books of the Treasurer. He shall notify members of their election, and thereupon send them a copy of the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of the Club. He shall also report at each committee meeting the name of all members elected since the last meeting of the committee.

Sec. 2.—He shall keep a list of all names struck off the list of members, with the reasons for such name being struck off, and shall report to the Executive Committee if any applicant for membership is on this list.

ARTICLE XII.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Club; pay all accounts passed or authorized by the Executive Committee; and shall prepare an annual statement, which he shall cause to be audited previous to, and shall lay the same before the annual meeting. He shall have control of the allotment of racks and lockers, and shall sign and issue membership and other cards upon receiving payment of the dues therefor.

ARTICLE XIII.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT TREASURER.

The Executive Committee may appoint from their number an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, who shall assist the Secretary and the Treasurer in their respective duties.

ARTICLE XIV.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of the Racing Committee, and five members of the Club, elected at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2.—The Committee may make such rules as it deems advisable for the management of the Club property, and, subject to any resolution passed at any general meeting, fix the fees to be paid for the use of the racks, lockers, etc., and shall prescribe the rules for Club cruises, camps, etc., and have general supervision of the affairs and finances of the Club.

Sec. 3.—Any by-law or rule made by the Committee other than of a temporary character, shall be laid before the next ensuing general meeting, when such rule may be amended, rescinded, or confirmed. If no action be taken thereon, such rule shall lapse.

Sec. 4.—Five members shall form a quorum.

Sec. 5.—If the Committee is equally divided, the chairman shall have a casting vote, in addition to his original vote.

Sec. 6.—The Committee shall, subject to any order passed at a general meeting, regulate the expenditure of the Club. Every account shall be approved by the Committee.

Sec. 7.—Should any member of the Committee be absent from three consecutive meetings, without a satisfactory excuse, his position may be declared vacant and be filled pursuant to the following section.

Sec. 8.—In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Committee, that body shall have power to fill the same, and shall do so within one month from the time the vacancy occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

AUDITORS.

Sec. 1.—Two Auditors shall be elected by an open vote at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2.—No member of the Executive Committee may be an Auditor.

ARTICLE XVI.

OFFICIAL MEASURERS.

Sec. 1.—Two Official Measurers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee before the first of May in each year, and shall hold office until the first of May following, or until their successors are appointed.

Sec. 2.—Their duties shall be as laid down by the Racing Committee from time to time.

ARTICLE XVII.

RACING COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1.—The Racing Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee before the first day of May in each year, and shall consist of the Captain, the Secretary of the Racing Committee, the Official Measurers, and eight members, of whom two shall be elected to represent each of

the following branches (a) Paddling; (b) Canoe Sailing; (c) Skiff Sailing; (d) Swimming and Water Sports.

Sec. 2.—The two representatives of each branch, together with the Captain and the Secretary of the Racing Committee, shall form a sub-committee, to which all matters relating to such branch shall be referred and decided.

Sec. 3.—Each sub-committee shall before the first day of June in each year, lay before the Committee rules to govern its branch, and the Committee shall forthwith approve of, or reject, the same.

Sec. 4.—The Secretary of the Committee shall keep the proper and necessary records in connection with all Regattas and Races, and submit an annual report to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5.—The Committee shall have entire control of all racing matters, and shall arrange all regattas, races, and aquatic sports.

Sec. 6.—The Committee shall not expend any money, or incur any debt, without the previous authorization of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1.—A General Meeting may be called whenever deemed advisable by the Captain, or any two members of

the Executive Committee. On the refusal of those officers to call a meeting, the Secretary shall do so at the request of any six members. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the first week in March, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings.

Sec. 2.—The order of business at all general meetings shall be as follows:

1.—Minutes of preceding meeting.

2.—Reports.

3.—Communications.

4.—Elections.

5.—Unfinished business.

6.—New business.

ARTICLE XIX.

SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

No spirituous liquors, including beer, shall be kept for sale on the Club premises.

ARTICLE XX.

FLAGS.

Sec. 1.—The Club Flag shall be an Oxford Blue Pointed Burgee, eighteen inches long, and twelve inches wide, with a white beaver in the centre, and the letters O. C. C. also in white, one below the other next the staff.

Sec. 2.—The Commodore, Vice Commodore and Captain shall carry the same design on a broad pennant twelve inches by twenty-one inches. The Vice-Commodore's flag shall have one white ball two inches in diameter, in the upper corner, next the staff. The Captain's flag shall have two white balls, two inches in diameter, one below the other next the staff.

Sec.3.—Members who have held the rank of Commodore, Vice-Commodore, or Captain, shall be entitled to fly an Oxford Blue streamer three feet long, three inches wide at the staff, and running to a point. The Ex-Vice-Commodore's streamer will have one white ball two inches in diameter next the staff, and ex-Captains two white balls two inches in diameter next the staff.

Sec. 4.—Private members' signals shall be registered with the Secretary. These signals shall be rectangular, eighteen inches long and twelve deep.

ARTICLE XXI.

TOTEM.

The Club Totem shall be an Oxford blue beaver, to be carried on the main sail, near the peak.

ARTICLE XXII.

UNIFORM.

The full dress uniform of the Club shall be a White Flannel Suit and a

Cap similar to that worn by Officers of the Royal Navy.

ARTICLE XXIII.

COLOURS.

The Club colours shall be Oxford Blue, and White.

ARTICLE XXIV.

WHISTLE.

The Club Whistle shall be two long notes repeated three times.

ARTICLE XXV.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting. A notice that it is the intention to propose an amendment, and stating which articles of the Constitution it is proposed to amend, shall be sent to each member at least one week before the date fixed for the meeting. The proposed amendments shall be posted on the bulletin board, or be on file with the Secretary for one week previous to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

Adopted by Executive Committee May 20th, 1897.

MEMBERS,

1.—Members shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club only upon payment of current dues and all arrears.

2.—A membership card shall be issued by the Treasurer to each member upon payment of dues; and any member who is unable to produce such card when called upon to do so by the Caretaker, may be asked to register his name in the Caretaker's book.

LADIES.

3.—Each life, honorary, or active member in good standing may obtain season admission cards for two ladies. Additional cards may be obtained on payment of fifty cents each. Members desiring cards may obtain them from the Treasurer, on furnishing him with the names of those for whom required.

CLUB HOUSE.

4.—The Club House shall be open every day for the use of members, from 7 a.m. till 10.30 p.m., at which hour all lights shall be extinguished,

but any member requiring to bring in his canoe after 10.30 p.m. can do so by ringing the river bell for the Caretaker.

CARETAKER.

5.—The Caretaker shall receive instructions only from members of the Executive Committee. He shall call the attention of members to any violation by them of the Rules, and shall report any irregularity to the member of the House Committee for the week, or in his absence, to the Captain or Secretary, who shall report the matter to the Executive Committee at the first meeting thereafter.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

6.—Excepting the Secretary and the Treasurer, each member of the Executive Committee shall be House Committee for one week in rotation, the senior taking the first turn of duty, and then the other members of the Committee, according to seniority. Any member may, however, exchange duty with another, provided the Secretary is duly notified of the change. The roster of duties shall be kept posted in the Club House. The member of the House Committee on duty shall see that the Caretaker is attending to his duties, that the Club House is in proper order, and that the rules and by-laws of the Club are being observed. At the close of his week's duty he will report to the Secretary.

WHARF.

7.—No person shall obstruct the wharf by having a canoe or boat thereon or moored thereto.

BATHING.

8.—Bathing is allowed at all times, provided the bather be clothed from neck to knee in proper and decent costume. In going to and from the water, bathers must use the door and staircase specially provided for that purpose, at the eastern end of the Club House. Persons in bathing costume shall not go into any part of the Club House other than the dressing rooms. No one in bathing costume shall be allowed on the wharf.

CANOES,

9.—No person shall be allowed to use the Canoe, Boat, or other property of any member except upon producing a written order signed by the owner.

WAR CANOE.

10.—Regulations regarding the use of the war canoe, will be posted from time to time on the Club Bulletin Boards.

RACKS AND LOCKERS.

11.—Payment of dues for racks and lockers shall be made in advance.

12.—The member of the House Committee on duty, or, in his absence, the Caretaker, may assign an applicant

a rack or locker; but title to the same will not be good until approved by the Treasurer. If the applicant do not pay for the same within fifteen days after approval by the Treasurer, such rack or locker may be allotted to any other applicant.

13.—The charges for racks and lockers per annum shall be as follows :—

Canoe rack in either Club House.	$2.00
Skiff rack in either Club House..	4.00
Large Locker	1.00
Small Locker	50

MEASUREMENTS

IN WATERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CLUB HOUSE.

1-4 mile from foot of Rideau Canal Locks to Nepean Point (under flagpole.)

1-2 mile from Nepean Point to large wooden house west of "Earnscliffe."

1 mile from Nepean Point to stone shed above New Edinburgh ferry wharf.

1 1-2 mile from Nepean Point to east corner of first small bay east of Black Point.

2 miles and 43 yards from Nepean Point to west end of Club House.

400 yards from west end of Club House to Rockliffe Point (at old wharf.)

1200 yards from Rockliffe Point to ferry landing at Kettle Island.

1 mile from Rockliffe Park wharf to wharf at Kettle Island.

2 1-2 miles—length of south side of Kettle Island—Bingo Camp half way.

2 1-2 miles and 367 yards—length of north side of Kettle Island.

2 miles from Club House to Bingo Camp.

GATINEAU RIVER.

1-2 mile from pier with post in centre, near mouth of river, to iron waggon bridge.

1 mile from same pier to third house, near and west of "Chateau Vista."

1 3-4 miles and 43 yards from same pier to C. P. Railway bridge.

3-4 mile and 47 yards from iron waggon bridge to west corner of Club house.

Full details of the above measurements can be found in the Club records.

OFFICERS OF THE C

	Patron.	Commodore.	Vic Commo
1883	The Marquis of Lorne.	Lt.-Col. G. J. Maunsell.	R. W Baldw
1884	The Marquis of Lansdowne	R. W. Baldwin, Capt.	....
1885	" "	" "	....
1886	" "	W. F, Whitcher.	....
1887	" "	" "	....
1888	" "	" "	.. .
1889	Lord Stanley of Preston.	E. King,	....
1890	" "	"	.. .
1891	" "	Wm. McL. Mainguy.	...
1892	" "	F. H. Gisborne.	....
1893	The Earl of Derby,	"	..
1894	The Earl of Aberdeen.	Sir Chas. H. Tupper	H. G,
1895	" "	"	"
1896	" "	David MacLaren.	W. Y.
1897	" "	"	"
	Vice Patron : 1897		
	Mayor Bingham.		

OF THE CLUB SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT

ORE.	VICE COMMODORE.	CAPTAIN.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
Maunsell.	R. W. Baldwin.	.....	P B. Symes.	....	....
in, Capt.	.....	E. King, (Mate.)	H. Henderson. (Purser)	....	....
"	.....	"	F. H. Gisborne (Purser)	....	....
tcher.	.....	J. S. Brough	"	....	....
"	.....	W. McL. Mainguy	..	....	....
"	.....	E. King.	F. C. Gisborne (Sec.-Treas.	...	....
g,	.....	F. H. Gisborne.	Henri Roy.	W. H. Cronk.	....
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	....	"	A. A, Pinard (Sec.-Treas.)	....	....
Tupper	H. G, Bate.	Henri Roy.	D'Arcy Scott	A. A. Pinard.	....
	"	"	W. C. E. Stewart.	A. A. Dion.	....
Laren.	W. Y. Soper	"	R. E. Watts.	Ed. B. Holt.	A. A. Pinard.
	"	W. J. Johnstone.	"	"	K. F. Clayton